

Fiscal Estimate — 2003 Session

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Subject

2006 Deer Hunting Season Rule Order

Fiscal Effect

State: ☐ No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation
or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues |
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☒ Increase Costs — May be possible to absorb
within agency's budget.

☐ Yes ☒ No

☒ Decrease Costs

Local: ☐ No Local Government Costs

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenues
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5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Towns | <input type="checkbox"/> Villages | <input type="checkbox"/> Cities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counties | <input type="checkbox"/> Others | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts | <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts | |

Fund Sources Affected

☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☒ SEG ☐ SEG-S

Affected Chapter 20 Appropriations

s. 20.370(fq) and (mu)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Substantial work with hunting, agriculture, conservation, and other user groups has been undertaken in developing consensus in bringing this package forward. The department recommends public hearing on this rule which includes a trial moratorium on the October gun hunt for 2 years:

- 1) A 2-day youth either sex gun hunt in September (opening 7 days after the bow season opens).
- 2) Late archery season to close the Sunday nearest January 6th.
- 3) Statewide 4-day antlerless gun hunt beginning on the 2nd Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday.
- 4) In herd control units (currently Zone-T and EAB units) antlerless tags will be unrestricted. The first antlerless tag is free with the purchase of a gun and archery license. Additional tags will be available for a minimal handling fee.
- 5) The archery license would come with two tags valid statewide: one valid for one antlered deer only and the other valid for antlerless only.
- 6) The Hunter's Choice program would be replaced by the sale of antlerless tags valid in limited quota (regular) units as additional deer. Antlerless permits would be sold first come, first serve for \$12 each (\$20 for non-residents). Tags would be available on August 1st, one per hunter per day.
- 7) There would be no October 4-day antlerless only hunt outside CWD zones in 2006 and 2007. (In the event that the average antlerless:antlered harvest ratio in herd control units statewide is below 1.4 in 2006, the rule may immediately sunset.) In the event that inadequate herd control is realized as a result of this trial, the 4-day October antlerless deer gun hunt would return in 2008. The start date would be the Thursday nearest October 15 in DMUs where a regular season will not bring the population to within 20% of the over-winter goal.
- 8) The Earn-A-Buck season structure would be an available tool (in 2006 and 2007) for recommendation to the Natural Resources Board based on the criteria currently used (EAB pre-qualification will be implemented).
- 9) A first come-first served system to sell bonus tags as the deer hunting access permission on state parks open to hunting.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate – Continued

We anticipate that these proposed changes will both increase and decrease existing department costs, and similarly reduce and increase existing state revenues.

Decrease Costs:

Elimination of Hunter's Choice:

Cost associated with the collection of application data	\$12,062.01
Printing and postage for the HC notifications	\$11,439.73
Printing of the HC applications	\$3,169.40
Rental of the Hunter's Choice PO BOX	\$136.00
Distribution of Hunter's Choice applications	\$6,000.00
Total:	\$32,807.14

Elimination of October Zone T 4-day hunt & creation of a statewide 4-day December antlerless hunt:

Currently, in Southern Wisconsin (South of Hwy. 8) herd control units include both a 4-day October and a 4-day December antlerless hunt. Under this proposed rule, these units would no longer have a 4-day October hunt which will result in 4 fewer days annually when law enforcement would be required to enforce deer hunting regulations. From 2002 - 2005, there have been an average of 33 deer management units annually that require additional antlerless hunting opportunities, and are designated as Zone T units. We currently have a total of 130 deer management units, according to the 2002 - 2005 average we could anticipate then that 25% of DMUs would have a December hunt under the proposed rule that did not have antlerless hunts in previous years. For the purpose of this analysis, we estimate that 25% of the warden force would be free from the need to enforce deer hunting regulations in October and that those efforts would be redirected to other enforcement activities.

44 wardens (25% of current field wardens) x \$375 x 4days = \$66,000

Salary & Fringe: \$375 daily with 10 hours - Includes fringe and 2 hours of OT per warden.

44 wardens (25% of current field wardens) x \$84 x 4days = \$14,784

Operations:

Vehicle - \$64.00 per vehicle at 200 miles per day.
Per diem - \$20.00 per day (lunch & dinner)

Increase Costs:

Elimination of October Zone T 4-day hunt & creation of a statewide 4-day December antlerless hunt:

North of Hwy 8, there is currently an October 4-day antlerless hunt in units where the deer population is too large to control the deer herd with traditional seasons. Under this proposal, a 4-day December season would replace the October hunt. Therefore, the added workload of a 4-day deer season would shift from October to December. However, in units north and south of Hwy. 8 that are not designated as herd control units, there would be an added workload of added law enforcement time devoted to deer hunting regulation enforcement, as this rule proposes a 4-day December hunt in all units statewide. From 2002 - 2005, there have been an average of 53 deer management units annually that do not require additional antlerless hunting opportunities. We currently have a total of 130 deer management units, according to the 2002 - 2005 average we could anticipate then that 40% of DMUs would have a December hunt under

the proposed rule that did not have hunts in previous years. For the purpose of this analysis, we estimate that 40% of the warden force would therefore be required to redirect effort to enforce deer hunting regulations in December.

71 wardens (40% of current field wardens) x \$375 x 4days = \$106,500

Salary & Fringe: \$375 daily with 10 hours - Includes fringe and 2 hours of OT per warden.

71 wardens (40% of current field wardens) x \$84 x 4days = \$23,856

Operations:

Vehicle - \$64.00 per vehicle at 200 miles per day.

Per diem - \$20.00 per day (lunch & dinner)

Increase Revenues:

Elimination of Hunter's Choice:

Revenue generated by selling bonus to those hunter's that previously received a Hunter's Choice permit (5-year average, 83,630 Residents (\$12) and 2,590 Non-Residents (\$20)) - \$1,055,360

Decrease Revenues:

Elimination of Hunter's Choice:

Revenue lost by eliminating the \$3 Hunter's Choice application fee - \$135,108 (5-year average (Total HC applicants - Conservation Patron License holders = 45,036))

Free Antlerless Deer Permits in Herd Control Units:

Revenue lost by issuing antlerless permits for free in herd control units - \$455,544 (5-year average - Accounts for Residnet and Non-Resident Antlerless permit fees.)

Free Statewide Antlerless Permit for Archers:

Revenue lost by issuing one antlerless permits with each archery license - \$34,280 (Accounts for Resident and Non-Resident Antlerless permit fees).

Summary:

Total Revenue Increase: \$1,055,360

Total Revenue Decrease: \$ 624,932

Total Cost Reduction:

Salary & Fringe \$66,000

Operational \$47,591

Total Cost Increase:

Salary & Fringe \$106,500

Operational \$23,856

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet — 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on State Funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations — Salaries and Fringes		\$ 106,500	\$ - 66,000
(FTE Position Changes)		(FTE)	(FTE)
State Operations — Other Costs		23,856	- 47,591
Local Assistance			-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			-
Total State Costs by Category		\$ 130,356	\$ - 113,591
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR		\$	\$ -
FED			-
PRO/PRS			-
SEG/SEG-S		130,356	- 113,591
State Revenues		Increased Revenue	Decreased Revenue
GPR Taxes		\$	\$ -
GPR Earned			-
FED			-
PRO/PRS			-
SEG/SEG-S		1,055,360	- 624,932
Total State Revenues		\$ 540,432	\$ - 624,932

Net Annualized Fiscal Impact

	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
Net Change in Costs	\$ 16,765	\$
Net Change in Revenues	\$ 430,428	\$

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